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OF THE

PRESIDENT

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association,

OF SAN FRANCISCO,

WITH A LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1857-58.



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ANNUAL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

In compliance with Sec. 4 of Art. vii of the Constitution, it becomes my duty to report to you "the general doings of the Association for the past year, and to suggest such measures for your consideration as may seem best calculated to promote its future success and prosperity." In the performance of this, my last official act of duty in connection with the office you did me the honor to confer upon me, permit me first, to warmly congratulate you upon the unexampled success of our young Association, and the proud position it has attained in the short space of four years, among the literary institutions of the country. The little bantling, whose infant footsteps you guided and directed with so much care, has become a strong and vigorous youth, who is pushing hopefully yet boldly forward, to a long career of manhood and usefulness.

The establishment of Mercantile Library Associations in our sister cities at the East, has ever been attended with difficulties and discouragements at the outset, and there is not one among them all whose early history can show, at the

same stage of progress, a more satisfactory result than is presented by your institution to-day. You have had many serious difficulties to contend with, and many obstacles to overcome in your up-hill course; but you have manfully struggled with them all, and your labors and exertions have been satisfactorily rewarded.

The whole number of books withdrawn from the library by readers during the past year was 10,466, classified as follows, viz :

Romance,	4,548.....	or about	43	per cent.
Biography,.....	1,157.....	"	11	" "
Travels,	1,422.....	"	14	" "
History,	922.....	"	9	" "
Belles Lettres,	789.....	"	8	" "
Arts and Sciences,.....	341.....	"	3	" "
Poetry,	404.....	"	4	" "
Law and Politics,.....	117.....	"	1	" "
Religion,	69.....	less than	1	" "
Bound Periodicals,	262.....	or about	2 1-2	"
Miscellaneous,.....	435.....	"	4	per cent.
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Total,.....	10,466	volumes.		

Showing an increase over the previous year of 2,099 — the number of books withdrawn during that year having been 8,367. The delivery of books from the Library was necessarily suspended during about one-half the month of December, in consequence of the removal, etc.; or the result would have shown a still larger increase than is here reported. It displays as it is, however, a most gratifying state of affairs, showing an increasing interest in the institution on the part of its members, and a steadily increasing taste for intellectual pursuits in our community generally.

The number of books added to the library during the past year, by purchase and donations, was 2,302 volumes.

The whole number of books now on the shelves of the library is 6,135, classified as follows, viz :

Romance,	730	Poetry,	287
Biography,	398	Law and Politics,	340
Travels,	407	Religion,	274
History,	431	Bound Periodicals,	682
Belles Lettres,	391	Miscellaneous,	526
Arts and Sciences,	386	Newspapers, bound,	73
Scott's Lectures,	362		

There are likewise from four to five hundred valuable pamphlets, embracing statistical reports, etc., many of them relating to California, all of which possess more or less interest for the general reader.

The reading rooms are supplied with the best and latest atlases, globes, etc.; the books of reference are so arranged as to be at all times accessible to the readers, and the walls of the rooms and halls are hung with many valuable maps and engravings, besides a beautiful collection of paintings, nearly one hundred in number, which I shall hereafter refer to.

One hundred and twenty newspapers, from all parts of the world and in many different languages, are on file in the reading and conversation rooms; and the tables are regularly furnished with upwards of forty magazines, reviews and periodicals. In the smoking and conversation room tables for chess, draughts and backgammon are provided for the amusement of the members, which add much to the attractive features of the institution.

The library, though carefully and judiciously selected, is still sadly deficient in several classes of literature, and to this subject I beg particularly to call the early attention of the new Board of Directors. The collection of standard works of modern fiction and romance is entirely inadequate to the demands of the readers. By a reference to the sta-

tistics before related, you will observe that the proportion of this class of books in the library, numbering 730 in all, is but about twelve per cent.; while the number withdrawn by readers is about forty-three per cent., being 4,548 volumes. I would therefore recommend a material increase in this department, and also a considerable increase in the departments of history, arts and sciences and travels.

Much care and attention has been bestowed upon the preservation and binding of regular files of the San Francisco daily newspapers, seventy-three volumes of which are now upon your shelves. There is no estimating the immense prospective importance of this department of your library, increasing in value and interest as it naturally must from year to year; and I trust it may be carefully cherished by each succeeding administration. The present collection comprises files, nearly complete, of every newspaper which has ever been or is now published in San Francisco, presenting a mirror of passing events which will be invaluable to the future historian of California, and of the deepest interest to all.

The following statistics will serve to show you the condition of the Library at the end of the year, commencing with the period of its organization in January, 1853. The nucleus of the Library was formed at that time by the purchase of the private library of General Hitchcock, numbering in all some 1,500 volumes.

No. of vols. at date of First Annual Report, January, 1854,..	2705.
No. " " Second " " " 1855,..	3315.
No. " " Third " " " 1856,..	3833.
No. " " Fourth " " " 1857,..	6135.

These figures certainly show a highly gratifying result and speak most encouragingly for the future. In your present prosperous condition, and with your increased and in-

creasing facilities, there is every reason to believe that your Library will contain nearly ten thousand volumes, at the date of your next annual report.

Many valuable donations have been made to the Library during the past year. The following are the names of some of those to whom we are thus indebted ;—to one and all of whom I would here tender, in behalf of the Association, my warmest thanks for their substantial liberality, and for the kindly feelings they have ever evinced for the best interests and welfare of our institution.

Wm. Gouverneur Morris	L. L. Blood
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T. F. Mitehell	G. & C. Merriam, Springfield

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Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati.
"Alta California" newspaper, and the city and country press generally.

The whole number of members belonging to the Association at the present time is 1250 viz:

Life Members.....84	Share Holders	554
Honorary Members.....62	Subscribing Members...	550
Total,		1250—

Showing an increase of about three hundred and fifty members since the date of the last annual report. As the collections for the present quarter have not yet been completed, it is impossible to report the exact number of paying members, but from a careful estimate made up from the books it may safely be put down at eight hundred and fifty, which will make the revenue of the present quarter for dues alone, from present members, \$2,550; add to which the estimated amount to be paid for initiation fees and dues by new members during the quarter, say \$450, and the quarterly revenue will amount to \$3000.

The whole number of members who have enjoyed the privileges of the Association since the date of its organization is 1486.

The estimated current expenses of the institution will amount to about \$650 per month, or \$1,950 per quarter, leaving a clear surplus of \$1,050 per quarter, after paying all expenses; which amount may be entirely appropriated to the purchase of books.

The total amount of receipts, from all sources, by the Treasurer, during the year, including a balance of \$1,896 41, transferred at the commencement of the year by the former Treasurer, was \$12,196 41

Total amount of disbursements for the year 8,989 27

Leaving a cash balance in the hands of the
Treasurer of _____ \$3,207 14

In addition to this amount there is a balance of cash in the hands of the Librarian of \$250; a due bill, for account of Life Membership, of \$50; and a balance of over \$400 yet to be collected from members, for dues for the present quarter; making a grand total of about \$4000, now at the disposition of the incoming Board of Directors, \$2,000 of which, I would recommend, should be immediately remitted to your agent in New York for the purchase of books.

The following named gentlemen have become Life Members of the Association since the date of the last annual report:

George O. Whitney	Wm. R. Garrison
George Hudson	H. H. Halleck
Wm. Gouverneur Morris	Wm. M. Burgoyne
Henry M. Hale	W. C. Ralston
J. H. Coghill	H. C. Macy
Jonas B. Clark	H. S. Gates, M. D.
Samuel J. Hensley	G. W. Beaver
J. P. Raymond	J. Gennella, Jr.
W. A. Gibbons	Urban P. Hutchings
J. Mora Moss	A. L. Tubbs
Theodore F. Moss	G. B. Post
I. H. Ham	John Roach
N. B. Dilhorn	Wm. H. Talmage.

The increasing extent of the library and the constant accessions to its list of members during the past year, rendered it absolutely imperative that more extended accommodations should be provided to meet the growing wants of the institution. The rooms in Montgomery Block, which were amply spacious at the period of their first occupation, for the small library and its limited number of readers at that day, were found to be entirely inadequate to accommodate the increasing requirements. More room was required for library shelving, and a much larger space was needed to properly dispose of the newspaper and periodical literature,

and to comfortably accommodate the increased number of visitors who crowded the reading rooms. With this view a committee, consisting of Messrs. Coghill, Oliphant, Balley, Howard and Kittle, was appointed in October last by the Board of Directors, to search for more suitable quarters. The committee found it a difficult task to perform, to procure, in a central position, the requisite accommodations at a rate of rental that would come within the limited means of the institution. Several propositions were received from property holders, and among others one from Messrs. Pioche, Bayerque & Co., which was accepted by the Board, the result of which was the leasing of the spacious and beautiful rooms, now occupied by the Association, for the term of two years, from the 15th December, 1856, at a rent of \$175 per month. Immediate steps were taken for the properly fitting up and furnishing the new apartments, which had been placed at the disposition of the committee some ten days before the commencement of the term of the lease; and on the 16th of December the rooms were thrown open to the members, and to our fellow citizens generally, who were invited to visit them. Much credit is due to the committee before named, for the careful, judicious and tasteful performance of the duties devolved upon them. They deserve, and I am sure they will receive, the warmest thanks of the Association.

For the many beautiful works of art which embellish the rooms you are indebted to a number of our public spirited and generous hearted citizens, who feel a deep interest in the success of your institution. The Hon. V. I. Fourgeaud has entrusted to the care of the Association his entire private collection of paintings and some rare bronzes, collected by himself during his recent visit to Europe. Some of the paintings are of great value and add much to the attractive

features of the rooms. The large and valuable picture representing the interior of the United States House of Representatives in 1822, was deposited by W. C. Annan, Esq. This painting was executed by Professor Morse, the man who has since won immortal honors for himself and his country, by the invention of the electric telegraph, and is highly interesting as a great national historical picture. The likenesses of the members of the House, painted from life, are said to be strikingly correct, and the painting has received much commendation as a work of art both in Europe and America. The large full length picture of Washington, copied from Stuart's original painting, by the daughter of the artist, was deposited by R. I. Stevens, Esq.; and Charles Carl, Esq. has deposited an exquisite original painting by Nahl, which has won the admiration of all who have seen it. In addition to these interesting objects which have been entrusted to your care, there have also been some valuable DONATIONS of works of art to the Association, during the past year; among which are the four beautiful steel engravings, india proofs, copied from "Cole's Voyage of Life," presented by the Rev. G. Abbott, of New York, through his friend, the Rev. S. H. Willey of this city. Col. Joseph Grant has likewise presented to the Association the full length portrait of Murdock in the character of Hamlet, which adorns the walls of the conversation room. This picture is from the pencil of W. S. Jewett, Esq., of this city, who is also finishing a portrait of the late James King of Wm., which he intends presenting to the Association when completed. Messrs. W. H. Stevens, Oakes & Muygridge, Wells, Fargo & Co., Charles P. Fenderich, Esq., and others, have also presented a number of valuable paintings and engravings.

You have now within your rooms the nucleus of a Gallery of Fine Arts, and it should be your care to encourage its

increase by every means in your power. I would suggest that a general invitation be extended to California artists to deposit in your rooms their various works of art on exhibition and sale, and you may thus do much to encourage Art while you will be gradually refining and improving the public taste.

In connection with this subject there is another feature I wish to suggest for your consideration, and which I deem it important should be adopted and introduced at an early day, and which, when once fairly engrafted on your system, must be powerful for good among the younger members of the Association. I have reference to the formation of classes, from among the members of the Association, for Penmanship, Book-keeping, Drawing, Elocution, the ancient and modern Languages, etc. The plan has been adopted with great success by kindred associations in the Eastern cities, and I have no doubt it would meet with equal favor and success here in California. Young men of limited means may thus be enabled at a very trifling expense to perfect themselves in any of the branches of education wherein they may be deficient. All the various branches might be thus acquired at an expense about equivalent to the cost of any one of them studied separately by an individual student. Liberal arrangements can be made with the necessary professors to conduct the classes, and ample accommodations can be obtained by them on the third floor of the building now occupied by the Association. The inauguration of this new feature could not but have the tendency to largely increase the number of members, as its privileges would of course be confined exclusively to members of the Association. I trust you will give this subject the serious consideration its importance demands, for I believe there are hundreds of young men who would be gladly willing to enroll their names upon

your list of members could this additional inducement be offered to them.

It is confidently believed, that with proper exertions, the number of members may be doubled during the coming year, and it lies with you, gentlemen, to determine whether or not so important a result shall be consummated. It requires but a little energetic action on your part and the work is accomplished. I do not believe there is one among you, who could not, from his own immediate circle of acquaintance find one candidate for membership, and some of you, I am confident, with well-directed exertion could procure a dozen. In furtherance of this object I would suggest that a certificate of Life Membership, the value of which is one hundred dollars, be awarded as a premium to the one who shall introduce the largest number of new members into the Association, prior to the first day of July next. This measure would have a tendency to create a little feeling of generous rivalry, and could not but be productive of good results, and if it operates as favorably for the interests of the institution as I believe it will, it would be well, occasionally to repeat the experiment.

Your former Librarian, Mr. E. De Sola was compelled to resign his position, early in the year, much to the regret of the Board of Directors, on account of urgent business matters at the East, and it became necessary to look about for some competent gentleman to fill the vacancy. So large a number of applications were received in answer to a call published in the newspapers, and the applicants all presented such strong claims to the position, it became a matter of no little difficulty to decide upon their respective merits. After much serious consideration by the Board of Directors, who carefully canvassed the qualifications of the numerous candidates, they awarded the office to the present incumbent,

Mr. H. H. Moore, who has fulfilled the arduous duties of the position with great credit to himself, and to the entire satisfaction, I believe, of every member of the Association.

The Assistant Librarian, John J. Tayker, who has been your faithful servant almost from the first day of your organization, has been suffering from a severe illness for several weeks past, and it became necessary to employ a temporary substitute to perform his duties. I am happy, however, to report to you that his health is now rapidly improving, and he will soon be enabled to resume his position. Should it become necessary to employ the services of a Second Assistant—and I think the increasing business of the library will at once demand it—you will find the present acting Assistant, above referred to, Mr. Daniel E. Webb, in every way qualified, I believe, for the office.

The Lectures of the present course, now in progress before the Association, have been of a most interesting character and have been attended by highly intellectual and appreciative audiences. The course consists of eight Lectures, six of which have been already delivered, as follows, viz:

I. December 15th. By Hon. HARRY I. THORNTON. *Subject*—“The intimate connection and the mutual dependence of the various occupations of Man.”

II. December 22nd. By Dr. F. P. WIERZECKI. *Subject*—“The beautiful in poetry and the poetic in the beautiful.”

III. December 30th. By Rev. W. A. SCOTT. *Subject*—“Arabia, the Arabs and Mount Sinai.”

IV. January 7th. By E. G. BUFFUM, Esq. *Subject*—“Types, Ink and Paper.”

V. January 13th. By WM. H. RHODES, Esq., (Caxton.) *Subject*—“The Pacific Ocean, in its relations to the Northwest Coast of America.”

VI. January 22nd. By Hon. THOS. W. FREELON. *Sub-*

ect—"Some characteristics of the latest school of English Romance and Poetry."

Two more Lectures, which will complete the course, are yet to be delivered. One by Professor McCullough, on Chemistry, on the evening of the 29th of the present month, and the other by the Hon. Milton S. Latham, on the 6th February, the subject of which latter lecture has not yet been announced to the Committee.

The annual election for officers of the Association for the ensuing year, was held on Wednesday, 21st December, inst., the day of election having been postponed by resolution, from the Monday previous. The whole number of votes polled was 860; and a spirited rivalry was evinced by the numerous friends of the opposing candidates for the various offices. The following named gentlemen, composing the regular ticket presented by the nominating committee, were duly elected.

PRESIDENT,.....IRA P. RANKIN.
 VICE PRESIDENT,.....ANDREW McKEE.
 TREASURER,.....JULES DAVID.
 RECORDING SECRETARY,.... H. D. OLIPHANT.
 CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, J. M. SHOTWELL.

Directors.

F. J. LIPPITT,	GEORGE HOWES,
BENJ. HAYNES,	PHILLIP VERPLANCK,
DR. C. H. RAYMOND,	T. J. LAMB,
M. J. BURKE,	WILLIAM ARRINGTON,
SAMUEL HUBBARD.	

The occurrence of this election, and the renewed interest thereby awakened in our community in behalf of the institution, has had the happy effect of adding nearly two hundred names to your list of members, whose fees of initiation and quarterly dues, together with numerous arrearages paid

by delinquent members, amount nearly to the sum of two thousand dollars; a most gratifying result for the interests of the Association, and an unmistakable evidence of its increasing popularity.

In reviewing the history of our institution, gentlemen, for the past four years, you have just cause of honest pride in the success which has crowned your labors. Much has been accomplished, but, gentlemen, much remains to be done. The population of our city numbers some sixty thousand, a very large proportion of which is composed of young men, for whose particular benefit and improvement this institution was especially designed. By the liberal policy you have in your wisdom adopted, the advantages it offers may be cheaply enjoyed by all classes of the community, and I am confident these advantages need but to be properly known and understood, to insure you a list of members which will soon be numbered by thousands. Every additional member joining your Association adds to its revenue, and consequently adds to its means of usefulness. For a long space of time the revenue of the institution barely covered its necessary expenses, but you have now an income which will leave you a liberal annual surplus, so that every additional dollar of revenue may be appropriated for the increase of your library.

Go on then with the good work before you. You are engaged in a noble cause, one worthy of your best energies. Let your constant efforts be employed in behalf of the Association,—to extend the area of its usefulness, and to add to its mines of intellectual wealth; and you will be amply repaid for your labors, not only by the immediate personal advantages which will mutually accrue to yourselves, but by the heartfelt thanks of thousands who will come after you, and who will enjoy the benefits of an institution reared for them by your wisdom and liberality.

And, now, gentlemen, in laying down the scepter of office, and resigning to my successor the proud position it has been my honor to hold for the past twelve months, believe me, when I say to you that I do so with no slight feelings of regret; a regret, however, which is more than compensated by the feeling of pleasure and satisfaction I experience in knowing that the mantle of office falls upon the shoulders of one so eminently qualified to wear and to adorn it. Permit me, at the same time, to express to you my acknowledgments for the kindly courtesies I have ever experienced at your hands; and to the Board of Directors, with whom it has been my happy privilege to have been so intimately associated, my warmest thanks, in your behalf, for their constant and unremitting attention to the duties which devolved upon them. To one and all of them I am deeply indebted, personally, for the kind partiality they have ever extended to me as their presiding officer, and I beg to assure them, that the term of our official connection forms an epoch in my life, which shall ever be remembered with feelings of sincerest pleasure.

FRED'K A. WOODWORTH, *President.*

SAN FRANCISCO, January 23, 1857.

REGULATIONS OF THE LIBRARY.

SECTION 1. The Library shall be open every day throughout the year, from 10 o'clock, A.M., to 10 o'clock, P.M., excepting Sundays, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Year.

SEC. 2. The Librarian shall keep a full and accurate Catalogue of all the Books, Magazines, Maps, Charts and Works of Art belonging to the Association, and arrange them in proper order; he shall make a record of all books and other donations presented to the Association, in a book provided for that purpose, with the names of the donors, and make suitable acknowledgments of the same.

SEC. 3. He shall register in a book prepared for that purpose, and to be kept in the Library Room, the name of each member of this Association; and shall in no case deliver a book to any member, until the name of such member shall have been so registered.

SEC. 4. He shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the title of every volume delivered by him; the name of the person to whom delivered; the time of taking and returning the same; together with the forfeitures arising from every default.

SEC. 5. He shall collect all dues and forfeitures incurred by the members, and account for the same to the Treasurer, as herein before provided.

SEC. 6. He shall submit to the Board of Directors a monthly report, stating the amount of moneys received and expended by him, report the names of such members as may refuse to pay their dues and forfeitures, or lose or damage any book belonging to the Library; the names of all delinquents, with the amount of dues remaining unpaid; and recommend the adoption of such measures as he may judge necessary for the greater efficiency and usefulness of the Association.

SEC. 7. He shall suffer no person, excepting members of the Board, to remove a book from its place in the Library without his permission.

SEC. 8. He shall replace the books in proper order upon the shelves, as soon as may be after they are returned, having first examined them with care, and ascertained whether they have been injured or defaced.

SEC. 9. He shall see that the Books, Library and Reading Room are kept in good order; he shall duly observe the instructions which may be

given him by the Board of Directors, and take care that the regulations relative to the loaning of books be strictly adhered to.

SEC. 10. He shall ascertain, during the months of January, April, July and October, by examination of the account of each member, the book or books not then returned to the Library ; and shall cause the same to be procured of the member in default.

SEC. 11. He shall deliver to any member applying personally, or to his WRITTEN ORDER, one volume, if it be a folio or quarto ; and two, if an octavo, or duodecimo, or volume of less size.

SEC. 12. Every member may detain each book or set delivered as aforesaid, if it be a folio or quarto, four weeks ; an octavo, three weeks ; or a book or set of less size, two weeks ; except new publications, which, until they have been in the Library two months, shall not be detained—an octavo longer than two weeks, and books of less size one week, and which shall not be renewed. No book shall be reserved by the Librarian for any director or member.

SEC. 13. Any member who shall detain a book or set longer than the time above limited, respectively, shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian for every day a volume is so detained, if it be a folio, twenty cents ; a quarto, fifteen cents ; an octavo, ten cents ; if it be a duodecimo, or smaller volume or pamphlet, five cents.

SEC. 14. If any member lose or injure a book, he shall make the same good to the Librarian ; and if the book lost or injured be one of a set, he shall pay to the Librarian, for the use of the Association, the full value of said set, and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his property.

SEC. 15. No member shall be permitted to receive a book from the Library until he shall have paid all sums due from him to the Association, and made good all damages and losses which he may have occasioned.

SEC. 16. Books of Reference, and such others as may from time to time be specially designated by the Board, shall not be taken from the Library, except by special permission of a member of the Board of Directors ; provided, however, that Newspapers, Encyclopædias, Cyclopædias, Dictionaries and Atlases, shall in no case be taken from the Library Rooms.

SEC. 17. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Association, must inform the Librarian of it, see that his resignation is registered, and pay up his dues and fees, else he will be considered as continuing a member, and charged accordingly, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

REGULATIONS OF THE READING ROOM.

SECTION 1. The Reading Room shall be opened every day throughout the year, from 9 o'clock, A.M., to 10 o'clock, P.M.

SEC. 2. Loud conversation and smoking shall not be allowed, except in the room set apart for those purposes.

SEC. 3. No member will be allowed to remain in the Library or Reading Room with his hat on.

SEC. 4. No member shall assume the liberty of arranging the books of the Library, or periodicals on the tables, or of performing any of the duties that devolve upon the Librarian.

SEC. 5. None but members shall be allowed the privilege of the Reading Room, unless introduced by a member of the Association.

SEC. 6. Any member may have the privilege of introducing a friend, not a resident of the city, whose name shall be registered by the Librarian in a book kept for that purpose, and who shall receive a ticket of admission to the Reading Room for the term of four weeks.

SEC. 7. No member shall be allowed the privilege of the Reading Room, unless all dues and forfeitures incurred are liquidated.

SEC. 8. No member shall be allowed to remove papers from the files, or books, plates, or periodicals from the Reading Room.

SEC. 9. Any member who shall mutilate the periodicals or papers placed on the files or tables in the Reading Room, or remove them therefrom, shall be liable to fine and expulsion.

SEC. 10. No member, except of the Board of Directors, shall be allowed inside the Bar of the Library Room.

SEC. 11. The Reading Room may be occupied exclusively by ladies and gentlemen accompanying ladies, between the hours of 12 and 2, P.M.

SEC. 12. Should a member transgress any article in these Regulations, he shall be reported to the Board of Directors, who may take such measures thereon as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 13. The Regulations of the Library and Reading Room shall not be altered, amended, or suspended, unless by the votes of six members of the Board of Directors, present at a stated meeting, notice being given for that purpose.